

Woolwich Road

Proposed Local Safety Scheme

Consultation Document

Sept/Oct 2012

Why are we proposing this scheme?

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has a duty to reduce road casualties in the borough and we receive funding each year to enable us to develop and install Local Safety Schemes at locations that are experiencing the highest number of casualties. In the 3 year period between 1st March 2009 and 29th February 2012 there were 20 accidents on Woolwich Road between Farndale Road and Gallions Road that were reported to the Police. The improvements outlined below are designed to reduce the specific types of accidents that have been occurring and to improve facilities for more vulnerable road users.

There are also proposed changes associated with the development that is taking place on the land to the north of Woolwich Road opposite the junction with Victoria Way. These are being paid for by the developer and are outlined on the back page of this document.

What are the proposed improvements?

The proposed improvements are to:

- Install a central refuge on the zebra crossing near to Victoria Way to help highlight the crossing to approaching motorists. The central refuge will also narrow the road and will allow pedestrians to cross in two halves.
- Install a pedestrian refuge near to Ramac Way and a traffic island near to Rainton Road. A traffic island is proposed near to Rainton Road rather than a pedestrian refuge as we would rather pedestrians use the existing Pelican crossing which is only about 20m away. In addition to benefits to pedestrians, the proposed refuges and island will also help to slow traffic by narrowing the road, provide physical protection for right turning vehicles and discourage motorcyclists from overtaking traffic near to side roads where motorists may be turning right.
- Increase the width of the central hatching road markings along the length of the road. This will increase the separation between opposing traffic flows and will narrow the traffic lanes which will encourage lower vehicle speeds. Increasing the width of the central hatching also allows right turn lanes to be marked for most of the side roads. Sufficient road space will be left for large vehicles to pass cyclists.
- Renew the worn anti-skid surfacing on the approach to the zebra crossing and on the approach to the Pelican crossing on Woolwich Road near to the junction with Hardman Road. Anti-skid surfacing provides a skid resistant road surface that helps to stop vehicles skidding under heavy braking, particularly during wet weather, and is commonly used on the approach to pedestrian crossings.

What are the improvements associated with the development?

The proposed works associated with the development are to:

- Move the existing zebra crossing near to Victoria Way approximately 15m further eastwards so it will be better located for access into the development. This will also provide more space for motorists to wait if someone is on the crossing when turning right out of Victoria Way.
- Move the existing bus stop on the north side of Woolwich Road near to Victoria Way westwards by approximately 10m to make room for the new access road into the development and lay 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in front of it.
- Re-pave the footways near to the zebra crossing.

How to respond to this consultation?

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the freepost envelope provided – no stamp is required. Only the enclosed questionnaire should be used to respond to the consultation, other material and photocopies cannot be accepted.

The closing date for this consultation is **5th October 2012** and returns received after this date will not be accepted

Your response is protected by the Data Protection Act and will only be used for the specific purposes for which it was collected and will not be disclosed to any other party

Who is being consulted?

We are consulting all residents directly affected by the proposal, Ward Councillor's, local residents groups, the emergency services and other statutory groups.

What happens next?

We will consider all comments received carefully and depending on the comments received may carry out amendments to the proposed scheme, any major changes will be subject to additional consultation.

Once the consultation period has finished a decision will be made to proceed as to whether the scheme will go ahead or not.

How can you find out more?

To find out more about the proposals please call Paul Smith on **020 8921 2284** or send an email to paul.smith@greenwich.gov.uk

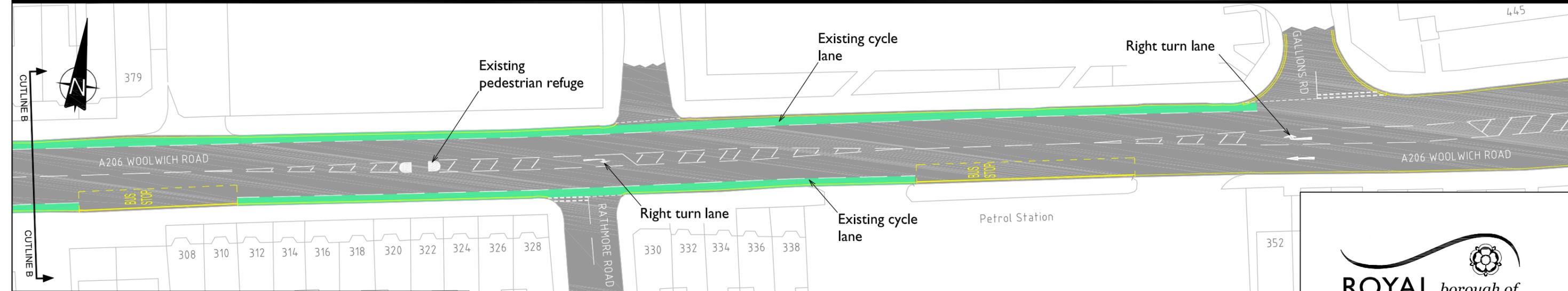
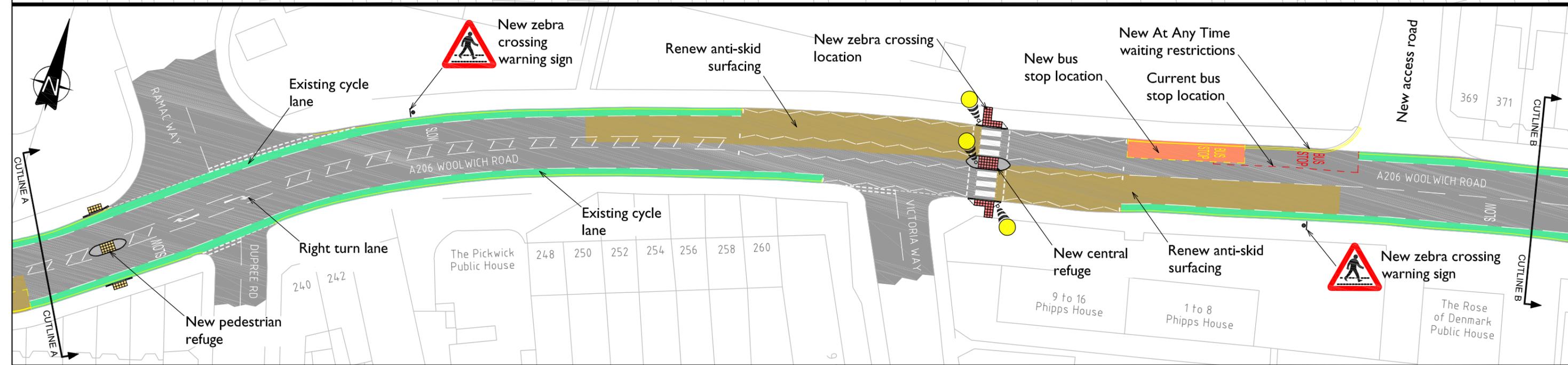
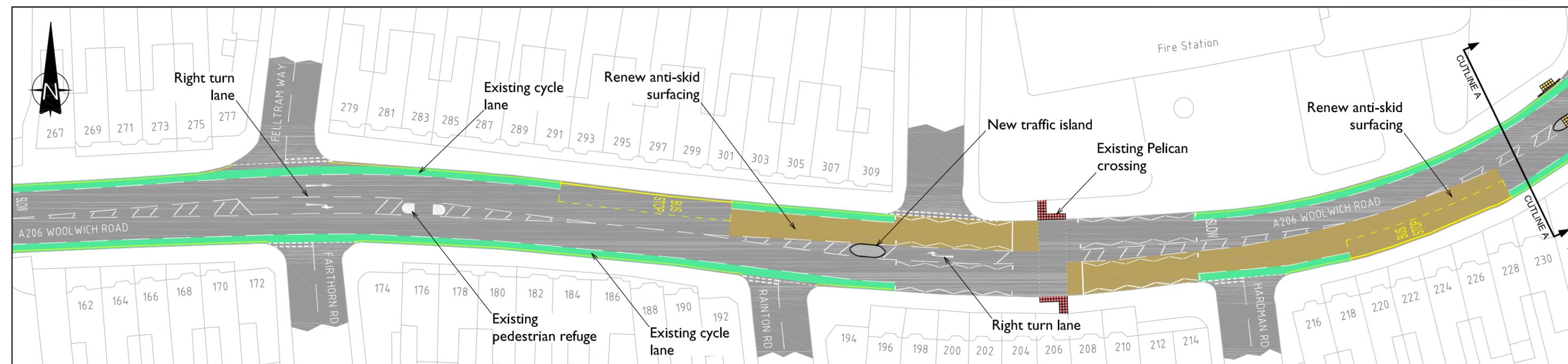
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Please take a look at the plan overleaf to see how you may be affected by the proposals.

Details on how you can respond to this consultation can be found on the back page of this document.



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Consultation Drawing

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